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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn. The period for responding to the Office Action has been extended, by enclosure of a petition and fee, to and through December 16, 2003.